

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12, 14-15, 23-28, and 30-43 are pending. Claims 1, 23, 41, and 43 are in independent form.

In the action mailed March 18, 2008, claims 13, 14, and 29 were recognized as reciting allowable subject matter and claims 41-43 were allowed. Applicant acknowledges the recognition of allowable subject matter with appreciation.

In response thereto:

- independent claim 1 has been amended to recite subject matter drawn from former claim 13;
- claim 13 has been canceled;
- claim 14 has been amended to depend from claim 1;
- independent claim 23 has been amended to recite subject matter drawn from former claim 29; and
- claim 29 has been canceled.

Accordingly, claims 1-15 and 23-43 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

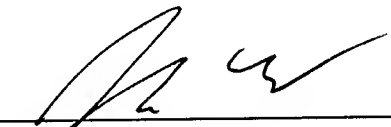
It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally,

nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. No fees are believed due at this time. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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